Grove - Water Sensor



The Water Sensor module is part of the Grove system. It indicates whether the sensor is dry, damp or completely immersed in water by measuring conductivity. The sensor traces have a weak pull-up resistor of 1 M Ω . The resistor will pull the sensor trace value high until a drop of water shorts the sensor trace to the grounded trace. Believe it or not this circuit will work with the digital I/O pins of your Arduino or you can use it with the analog pins to detect the amount of water induced contact between the grounded and sensor traces.

Version

| Product Version | Changes | Released Date |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Grove-Water Sensor V1.1 | Initial | July 2014 |

Features

- Grove compatible interface
- Low power consumption
- 2.0cm x 2.0cm Grove module
- High sensitivity

Applications Ideas

- Rainfall detecting
- Liquid leakage
- Tank overflow detector

Specifications

| ltem | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|---|------|---------|------|------|
| Working Voltage | 4.75 | 5.0 | 5.25 | V |
| Current | <20 | | | mA |
| Working Temperature | 10 | - | 30 | °C |
| Working Humidity (without condensation) | 10 | - | 90 | % |

Tip More details about Grove modules please refer to Grove System

Platforms Supported

| Arduino | Raspberry Pi | | |
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Caution

The platforms mentioned above as supported is/are an indication of the module's software or theoritical compatibility. We only provide software library or code examples for Arduino platform in most cases. It is not possible to provide software library / demo code for all possible MCU platforms. Hence, users have to write their own software library.

Getting Started

Note If this is the first time you work with Arduino, we firmly recommend you to see Getting Started with Arduino before the start.

Play With Arduino

Hardware

Connect the module to the Basic board using any of the digital pin. You can gain the value of the signal pin. When there is water on the bare conducting wires, the value is LOW. Otherwise, it will be HIGH.

• Step 1. Prepare the below stuffs:



- Step 2. Connect Water Sensor to port D2 of Grove-Base Shield.
- Step 3. Plug Grove Base Shield into Seeeduino.
- Step 4. Connect Seeeduino to PC via a USB cable.

Note If we don't have Grove Base Shield, We also can directly connect Grove_Water_Sensor to Seeeduino as below.

| Seeeduino | Grove - Water Sensor |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 5V | Red |
| GND | Black |
| Not Conencted | White |
| D2 | Yellow |

Software

• Step 1. Copy the code into Arduino IDE and upload. If you do not know how to upload the code, please check how to upload code.



- Step 2. We will see the output display on terminal as below.

Play with Codecraft

Hardware

Step 1. Connect a Grove - Water Sensor to port D2 of a Base Shield.

Step 2. Plug the Base Shield to your Seeeduino/Arduino.

Step 3. Link Seeeduino/Arduino to your PC via an USB cable.

Software

Step 1. Open Codecraft, add Arduino support, and drag a main procedure to working area.

Note If this is your first time using Codecraft, see also Guide for Codecraft using Arduino.

Step 2. Drag blocks as picture below or open the cdc file which can be downloaded at the end of this page.



Upload the program to your Arduino/Seeeduino.

Success When the code finishes uploaded, you will see there is water or not in Serial Monitor.

Play With Raspberry Pi (With Grove Base Hat for Raspberry Pi)

Hardware

• Step 1. Things used in this project:



- Step 2. Plug the Grove Base Hat into Raspberry Pi.
- Step 3. Connect the Grove Water Sensor to to the A0 port of the Base Hat.
- Step 4. Connect the Raspberry Pi to PC through USB cable.



Software

- Step 1. Follow Setting Software to configure the development environment.
- Step 2. Download the source file by cloning the grove.py library.



• Step 3. Excute below command to run the code.



lef main()

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der main():
if len(sys.argv) < 2:
    print('Usage: {} adc_channel'.format(sys.argv[0]))
    sys.exit(1)
sensor = GroveWaterSensor(int(sys.argv[1]))
print('Detecting ...')
while True:
    value = sensor.value
    if sensor.value > 800:
        print("{}, Detected Water.".format(value))
    else:
        print("{}, Dry.".format(value))
time.sleep(.1)
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f __name__ == '__main__':
____main()
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Success

If everything goes well, you will be able to see the following result

pi@raspberrypi:~/grove.py/grove \$ python grove_water_sensor.py 0
Detecting ...
612, Dry,
749, Detected Water.
829, Dry,
357, Dry,
98, Dry,
352, Dry,
354, Dry,
90, Dry,
326, Dry,
451, Dry,
666, Dry,
451, Dry,
666, Dry,
451, Dry,
666, Dry,
451, Dry,
666, Dry,
667, Detected Water.
684, Dry,
100, Dry,
7CTraceback (most recent call last):
File "grove_water_sensor.py", line 71, in <module>
main()
File "grove_water_sensor.py", line 62, in main
value = sensor.value
File "grove_water_sensor.py", line 48, in value
return self.acd.read(self.channel)
File "fuore_iditer.ed(self.channel)
File "lusr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/grove/adc.py", line 66, in read_register
return self.read_register(addr)
File "lusr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/grove/adc.py", line 84, in read_register
return self.ft, l2C_SMBUS, msg)
KeyboardInterrupt

You can use this sensor to detect the water. Press Ctrl + C to quit.

Notice

You may have noticed that for the analog port, the silkscreen pin number is something likeA1, A0, however in the command we use parameter 0 and 1, just the same as digital port. So please make sure you plug the module into the correct port, otherwise there may be pin conflicts.

Play With Raspberry Pi(with GrovePi_Plus)

Hardware

• Step 1. Prepare the below stuffs:



- Step 2. Plug the GrovePi_Plus into Raspberry.
- Step 3. Connect Grove-Water Sensor to D2 port of GrovePi_Plus.
- Step 4. Connect the Raspberry to PC through USB cable.



Software

- Step 1. Follow Setting Software to configure the development environment.
- Step 2. Navigate to the demos' directory:



• Step 4. Run the demo.





Schematic Online Viewer



Resources

- [Eagle] Grove Water Sensor Schematic
- [Library] Demo code for Grove Water Sensor
- [Codecraft] CDC File